



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, Takeshi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3723

Serial No.: 09/901,044

Examiner: **MORGAN, E.P.**

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For: **DRY SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS AND DRY SURFACE TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME APPARATUS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 27, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10 and 17 as follows:

Claim 10. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said protrusion is provided at an internal angle of 30° to 100°.

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